

JACKSON COUNTY

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Jackson County, with a population of approximately 22,000 people, has seen the need to guide future development of the county in a planned and orderly manner. With this idea in mind, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has contracted with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Community Services, to formulate a plan for future development of the county. This report is the first of three to be completed under the contract. Other studies to follow will include a Population and Economy Study and an Initial Housing Element for the county. The purpose of this study is to give local officials a working knowledge of the use of land within the county. The pattern of land uses will be analyzed to show significant facts about the manner in which the county is growing. The data analyzed in this study will serve as the framework for formulating long-range plans for the county.

The planning area for this study includes all of Jackson County. Jackson County has been given authority to undertake such planning studies by the General Statutes, Chapter 153A, Article 18.

PLANNING BACKGROUND

Very little planning activity has occurred in Jackson County in the past. The county seat, Sylva, has made an attempt to guide their future growth. Sylva has prepared the following studies and ordinances:

- 1) Population and Economy
- 2) Thoroughfare Plan
- 3) Subdivision Regulations